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		ITU-T G.783 dated October 2000 - Characteristics of synchronous digital hierarchy (SDH) equipment functional blocks			Yes
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		Bellcore GR-1400-Core Issue 2, January 1999 - Sonet Dual-Fed Unidirectional Path Switched Ring (UPSR) Equipment Generic Criteria			Yes
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